

The Honorable Dennis Archer
Mayor of Detroit
January 2, 1997
(Comments From Press Conference)

- It's a privilege to be here today on this historic occasion to mark the beginning of a new future for Detroit and Michigan. Five years ago our state set the standard for progressive regulation by passing the Michigan Telecommunications Act. We reaffirmed our commitment to open competition when we updated the Act earlier this year. With today's announcement, Michigan is once again leading the communications revolution.
- Today's filing is a landmark step on the path to full choice in communications for all Michigan residents. And that will bring enormous benefits to the people of Detroit. Greater choice and competition will ensure that Detroit continues to have a state-of-the-art communications infrastructure — an asset which is essential to building our economy, retaining and attracting businesses and meeting the needs of our residents.
- We have been working hard to make this great city a better place in which to live and do business. Advanced communication is one of our greatest advantages in selling Detroit to the world, and I'm pleased that we are taking this momentous step to enhance that important asset.
- I also want to congratulate Ameritech for its long advocacy of regulatory reform and open competition. Today's action is further evidence of Ameritech's commitment to meeting the needs of its customers and its communities, because they are the ones who will benefit most from this milestone event.
- I know that Ameritech has the interests of Detroit and its citizens at heart. For many years, the company has made investments in our city that have enhanced education, economic development and the quality of life. That's why I am so proud of the strong partnership that thrives between Ameritech and Detroit. As I look forward to a new year and a new competitive communications environment for Michigan, I see that partnership growing stronger to the benefit of all of our citizens. And I see new vitality and new opportunity for our state and its greatest city.

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January 17, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

Pursuant to the filing of Ameritech Corporation under Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to provide long distance services in the state of Michigan, I urge your quick action to approve this request.

It is important to Michigan and the citizens of Wayne County that the entire telephone industry be open for competition. Ameritech's entering the long distance service carries great benefits for my constituents that cannot be ignored. More competition will lead to lower prices, improved service, added choice, and jobs; items consistent with the economic boom which we are currently experiencing.

Ameritech is committed to the citizens of Wayne County and is deserving of our support. Please act without delay, and help to continue with our economic upswing by allowing Ameritech to provide these opportunities for our residents.

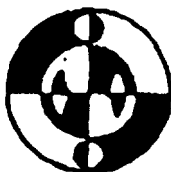
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January 22, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing in regard to the January 2, 1997 filing by Ameritech under Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 to provide in-region long distance service in Michigan. I urge your swift approval of this request.

Your approval of this application has multiple benefits for the citizens of Michigan including:

- increased competition leading to more choices for consumers
- new and innovative services
- thousands of new jobs

For years Ameritech has been a solid corporate citizen committed to supporting the interests of the people of Michigan through financial and social involvement. Your prompt approval will enable Ameritech to continue in this tradition and expand its commitment in these areas.

Sincerely,

cc: Donald J. Russell

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January 15, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

As a consumer and an elected official, issues about telecommunications concern me. I am concerned that you not delay approval of Ameritech's application filing under Section 271 of Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 to provide in-region long distance service in Michigan. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 which I endorsed provides for full and fair competition and mandates that providers be allowed entry into the local and long distance markets simultaneously.

If Ameritech has met the requirements of Section 271, as I have been informed, it is imperative that they be allowed to further enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Wayne County and the state of Michigan by offering more products, better services, along with increased job opportunities.

I encourage you and your staff to move swiftly in reviewing this matter so that the citizens of our great state can realize the benefits of unbridled competition.

Sincerely,

Edna Bell
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cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell,
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January 16, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street N.W.
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Dear Mr. Hundt:

This letter is in regard to Ameritech's filing under Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunication Act.

I support the filing of Ameritech's petition. The granting of Ameritech's petition will provide real competition in both local and long distance services in Michigan. It is important to give the telecommunications customer a choice of providers, expanded services, and better customer services. Competition will achieve this as well as ensure that Michigan continues to have a technologically progressive communications infrastructure. To achieve better customer services and to help Michigan's growing economy retain and attract new business, companies like Ameritech need government working with them and not against them.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Berryman".

JIM BERRYMAN
State Senator

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cc: Donald J. Russell



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January 14, 1997

Federal Communications Commission
Reed Hundt, Chairman
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Dear Commissioners:

Pursuant to Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 and after complying with the statutory requirements, Chicago-based Ameritech is requesting approval to provide long-distance service throughout its Michigan region.

The Michigan State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) recognizes the Ameritech request as an opportunity for our members to have a choice. Ameritech will be able to offer one-stop communication shopping and do it more economically and efficiently.

The total telephone market in Michigan must be open and competitive. In addition, Ameritech's entry as a long-distance carrier will generate thousands of new jobs and innovations. For years, Ameritech has been a solid corporate citizen committed to supporting the interests of the people of Michigan through financial and social participation.

The Michigan State Conference of NAACP endorses and supports Ameritech's request to provide long-distance service in the State of Michigan and respectfully urges Federal Communications Commission approval as soon as it is practical.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carl L. Breeding".

Carl L. Breeding, President
Michigan State Conference of NAACP

cc: Telecommunication Task Force, Anti Trust Division
U.S. Department of Justice



January 17, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
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Dear Mr. Hundt:

On behalf of the International Trade Office in Port Huron, Michigan, we are pleased to support Ameritech's filing under Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, to provide in-region long-distance service in Michigan.

This approval will allow for true competition in long distance services by providing an additional choice for consumers, something Congress and the President had in mind when the bill was approved and signed into law nearly a year ago.

Competition will ensure that Michigan continues to have a state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure, something essential in continuing to build the Michigan economy in today's global market. With the growth in international business and the importance of international business moving into the Blue Water Area, we think our customers should have the option of choosing a single company to provide both their local and long distance services. Extension of these services in our area would, in our evaluation, be beneficial to our local manufacturers that are doing business around the world.

We think Ameritech should have this opportunity to provide both local and long distance services—an issue that meets two of the nation's principal communication goals—increased competition in both local and long distance service.

If you require anything further regarding the support of Ameritech's filing, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely yours,

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Manager, International Trade

cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell

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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter is in support of Ameritech's filing under Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 to provide in-region long-distance service in Michigan. This proposal would allow customers the option of choosing a single company to provide both their local and long-distance services. Should this trial be a success, extension of these services to our area would, in our evaluation, be beneficial to our local manufacturers.

Ameritech has served on our Board of Directors for several years and has supported this community in job creation. Ameritech is a leading supplier of full-service communications and advanced information services, and has provided help and expertise to the Industrial Development Corporation on several local economic development projects. We believe there is substantial customer and economic benefits from full and fair competition throughout the communications marketplace.

If you require anything further on the support of Ameritech's ^{Filing} Customers First Plan, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Todd Brian,
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

The Ameritech Telecommunications Company filed an application on January 2, 1997 seeking FCC approval to offer long distance services to its customers in the state of Michigan. The Detroit Area Agency on Aging stands in full support of Ameritech in their quest to compete in this area.

Throughout the years Ameritech has proven itself to be a sound corporate citizen providing thousands of jobs to Detroiters, and contributing generously to many social, educational, and civic endeavors. We are confident, given the opportunity, that Ameritech will offer our citizens better service at lower prices.

Please join us in support of Ameritech for open competition.

Sincerely,

Paul Bridgewater
Executive Director

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cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell
Telecommunications Task Force

January 15, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
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Mr. Chairman:

As a Canton Township Trustee, I would like to express my support for Ameritech's application under Section 217 of the Federal Communications Act of 1996 to provide Inter-Lata long distance service in Michigan.

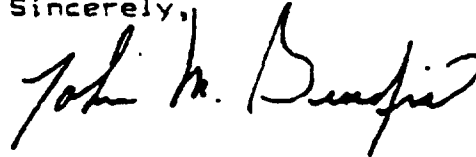
The Communications bill approved by bipartisan congress in 1996 and signed by the President was to allow local companies into the long distance business at the same time that long distance companies were allowed into the local business. The long distance companies are allowed into the local business today.

Ameritech has met all of the legal, regulatory and technical requirements to open its network to competition in Michigan, both on the local and the long distance levels.

An orderly transition to full and fair competition makes sense. It's time to stop second-guessing the intent of Congress. Competition will create thousands of jobs, lower prices and provide a choice of quality providers.

Mr. Chairman, I urge you to give every consideration to Ameritech's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Burdziak". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Burdziak" clearly distinguishable.

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January 20, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter is in support of the action taken by Ameritech in filing under Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to provide in-region long distance service in Michigan. As an officer of an investment advisory firm operating principally in the Great Lakes region, we believe that the only true way to enhance product and service offerings is through a totally competitive marketplace. Ameritech seems poised to provide another viable long distance service option for the businesses operating in Michigan and should be given the opportunity to do so.

Ultimately, the free marketplace is the engine of progress and change. We support legislation like the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the companies moving forward to bring more consumer choices, more jobs, and lower prices. I urge you to thoughtfully consider Ameritech's application.

Sincerely,



Robert Cappelli
Vice President

cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell
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January 17, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
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Dear Mr. Hundt:

As both a legislator and a citizen, I strongly support Ameritech's ambitious effort to expand into long distance service.

It is my contention Ameritech has worked diligently, and succeeded, in ensuring a competitive market for local phone service in Michigan. In addition to Ameritech and the other 35 traditional companies in Michigan, there are at least 14 companies licensed by the Michigan Public Service Commission to compete in the market. For example, MCI recently started a statewide campaign strictly seeking business customers for local service.

Michigan's economy has been growing over the last several years, including my district. I feel it is important to continue our economic renaissance by emphasizing competition in a free market community. Ameritech is playing a key role. Customers want choice and with the ability of nearly 50 companies to operate in the local market and more to become licensed, Michigan residents have achieved it.

In closing, I want to reiterate my ardent support for Ameritech Michigan's application to the Federal Communication Commission to serve Michigan's citizens in the long distance market.

Thank you for your attention and feel free to contact me if necessary.

Respectfully,


Jon Cisky
State Senator
33rd District

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January 15, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hunt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
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Dear Mr. Hunt:

This letter concerns the Ameritech Section 271 filing to provide long distance service in Michigan.

The Warren Consolidated Schools have received international recognition for our innovative utilization of communications technology, including the ThinkLink program which demonstrated the power of using distance learning technology to bring the resources of the classroom directly into the home. Our school-business partner in the ThinkLink program was Ameritech, which provided \$5 million in funding for this educational technology trial - the first of its type in the United States.

Nowhere is the power of communications technology more apparent than in distance learning, which gives students access to information, instructors and other students from around the state or the world. A key aspect of being able to utilize innovative communications solutions is being able to work with innovative providers who provide competitively priced access to these services. It is critical that the company which has done more for education in Michigan than any other - Ameritech - not be prohibited from providing the very long distance services which make distance learning applications possible.

As one of the larger school districts in Macomb County, and one with a recognized leadership position in the utilization of technology, it is important that we have many options in terms of communications service providers. Your favorable review of Ameritech's filing would go a long way toward expanding our options.

Sincerely,

James L. Cloz, Ed.D.
Associate Superintendent for Instruction

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cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell, DOJ
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The Honorable Reed Hundt
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing in support of Ameritech's filing to provide long distance in Michigan.

I am in the insurance business in the Jackson area and understand the benefits that true competition can bring to the consumer. I have followed Ameritech and its efforts to offer this needed service and believe they would be an enhancement to the long distance industry.

Ameritech has a good reputation in this community and in Michigan, as an excellent company and a good citizen.

I ask that you and the other members of the commission support Ameritech's filing.

Very truly yours,

THE CRAFT AGENCY, INC.


James M. Craft
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cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell - Dept. of Justice



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January 15, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

This letter serves to fully support Ameritech's application to enter into the long distance market. Ameritech has a responsibility to the communities they serve and I feel they have done an excellent job to fulfill this commitment. They serve as a successful telecommunication provider to many citizens in Michigan.

As you know, the Michigan Telecommunications Act has facilitated competition in the telecommunications industry in this state. The great state of Michigan has been extremely pro-active with regard to its commitment to creating a strong telecommunications infrastructure for our citizens. Michigan has seen increased competition in the long distance market and initial competition in the local service market. Competition will mean more choices in carriers and services, lowering overall phone bills, better quality, more efficient customer service, and better technology that will be available to more people. For these reasons, I believe by allowing Ameritech to enter into the long distance services in Michigan, this service provider will continue to be both beneficial and productive for its residents and businesses. Nevertheless, it will attract economic development.

I hope you can recognize the positive role Ameritech can play in the telecommunications industry. I am completely supportive of this applicant and I hope you will grant their request for approval.

Sincerely,

Penny M. Crussman
PENNY M. CRUSSMAN
State Representative
House 45th District

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✓ cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell (Telecommunications Task Force, Anti-Trust Division)

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January 16, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
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Dear Chairman Hundt:


I am writing as the former chairperson of the Michigan House of Representatives Public Utilities Committee in order to urge your approval of Ameritech's application to provide long distance service pursuant to the terms of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

As former chair of the House Public Utilities Committee, I was instrumental in assuring that the Michigan Telecommunications Act of 1995 provided the necessary means to bring real competition to millions of telephone customers in Michigan. As you know, increased competition brings lower prices, more efficient service and increased technology.

On the local level, Ameritech has negotiated and received the Michigan Public Service Commission's (MPSC) approval for interconnection agreements with AT&T, MFS, Brooks Fiber, and TCG. Ameritech asserts in its filing that it has otherwise met the 14-point checklist needed to qualify for long distance service. Ameritech has certainly demonstrated that it intends to foster competition in order to build a strong economy for Michigan.

Ameritech has proven itself to be an innovative and progressive communications company. As the first company to file an application with the Federal Communications Commission, it is clear that it is at the forefront of providing Michigan customers increased choice. I truly believe that it would serve Michigan residents well if you would quickly and favorably grant Ameritech's application.

Sincerely,


Barbara J. Dobb

BJD/lc

cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell
Telecommunications Task Force, Anti-Trust Division

January 16, 1997

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

As Executive Director of a non-profit organization involved in education, I applaud Ameritech's action in filing under Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to provide in-region long distance service in Michigan. Non-profit organizations are constantly looking for ways to operate more efficiently. We believe that the increased competition that the Telecommunications Act will create is a benefit to all consumers.

Ameritech is an outstanding corporate citizen. The Detroit Science Center proudly opened an exciting new outreach program called Cyberspace Safari, thanks in large part to a lead corporate contribution from Ameritech. Our program also takes advantage of significant resources from Ameritech's Education Avenue project. Finally, Ameritech employees worked with us every step of the way to ensure that our project was launched successfully. There is no doubt in my mind that Cyberspace Safari would not be a reality today were it not for Ameritech's participation.

We hope that you will act favorably on Ameritech's request which we believe will lower prices, create jobs and increase competition among all telecommunications providers.

Sincerely,

Mel J. Drumm
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell



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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Hundt:


This letter is in support of Ameritech's filing, under Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act, to provide long distance service in Michigan.

The City of Sterling Heights has long been an advocate of expanded competition in the communications industry. Increased competition ensures that communities like Sterling Heights are served by state-of-the-art communications systems - something we view as vital in retaining and attracting business, building the local economy and meeting the growing information needs of our residents.

Sterling Heights has also seen first-hand how recent changes in state and federal legislation have opened the door to competition for customers in our community. We have signed a cable franchise agreement with Ameritech and our residents will soon have a choice in their selection of a cable provider. Within the last year, two new communications companies have deployed facilities in our community in order to provide local and long distance services in competition with Ameritech, while Ameritech is still limited to only providing local service.

Allowing Ameritech - a company with a long-standing commitment to this community - to provide long distance services would bring additional service choices and competitive prices to the residents and businesses of our community. I encourage the Federal Communications Commission to quickly review and support Ameritech's filing.

Sincerely,


Steve M. Duchane
City Manager

cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell, DOJ



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State of Michigan

SENATOR MAT J. DUNASKISS

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Mr. Donald J. Russell
The U.S. Department of Justice
Telecommunications Task Force Anti-Trust Division
8205 555 4th Street NW
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Dear Mr. Russell:

I am writing as the Chairman of the Michigan Senate Committee on Technology and Energy and the sponsor of the Michigan Telecommunications Act of 1990 and 1994 to commend and urge your support for Ameritech's application to provide in-region, interLATA services in Michigan as set out under Section 271(d) of the Federal Telecommunication Act.

In creating the Michigan Telecommunications Act, my primary goal was to increase competition including such things as new services, more responsive customer service, and totally open markets for all classes of customers. The impact of deregulation as authorized by the two state laws and federal legislation have gone a long way to prove the benefits of this restructured telecommunications system.

The power to expedite and extend this market competition now lies in your hands with the receipt of Ameritech's recent application. This expansion, I believe, is in the best interests of consumers and the companies seeking to provide a myriad of telecommunication services in a fully competitive market. Having addressed deregulation issues at the state level, I can fully appreciate the complexities of moving to a fully deregulated and competitive system. However, I would encourage you to favorably consider the Ameritech application and would also encourage a decision as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

MAT DUNASKISS

Chairman of the Michigan Senate on Technology and Energy
State Senator, The Sixteenth District

cc: The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
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January 14, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chair
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20544

RE: Ameritech: Filing under Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act

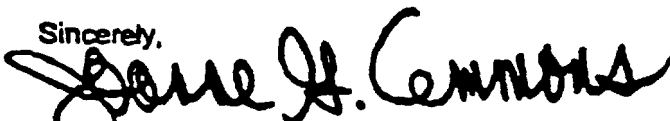
Dear Mr. Hundt:

This letter comes to you with my full support of Ameritech's efforts to become an in-region long distance carrier in Michigan.

Michigan has been among the most progressive states in the nation with regards to regulation of telecommunications. The stage was set with the final passage of the Michigan Telecommunications Act in 1991 and its subsequent revision in 1995. The desire for true competition that drove Michigan and the nation to enact all of the recent changes, however, remains essentially unsatisfied. FCC approval of Ameritech's bid to provide in-region long distance telephone service in Michigan would be an historic moment in the history of telecommunications in our great state.

As a State Legislator, I supported these measures in hopes of assuring that the people of Michigan could utilize a state-of-the-art communications infrastructure. The type of system that would benefit the strong economy we currently enjoy -- retaining and attracting businesses and meeting constant consumer desires for new and better technology and services. I continue that closely held belief with my support of competition in Michigan and my support of Ameritech in this specific endeavor.

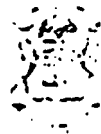
Sincerely,



Joanne G. Emmons
State Senator/23rd District

cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell
U.S. Department of Justice

"Competition is the keen cutting edge of business, always shaving away at costs." -- Henry Ford



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JOHN ENGLER
GOVERNOR

January 2, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Mr. Hundt:

As Governor of Michigan, I feel compelled to express my support of Ameritech's filing, under Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, to provide in-region long-distance service in Michigan. When approved, this historic filing will provide greater competition in long distance and the added choice for consumers that Congress had in mind when the President signed the bill into law nearly a year ago.

We now have more than a dozen companies such as AT&T, MCI-Metro, MFS, Brooks Fiber, et.al. that have received licenses to provide local phone service in Michigan. The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) has already issued binding arbitration orders for interconnection between Ameritech, AT&T and several other new local providers. In the coming weeks, you will ask the MPSC to certify Ameritech's compliance with the interLATA "checklist." I have urged the MPSC to review this checklist thoroughly and to utilize this certification process to ensure that real local competition continues to materialize in Michigan. I believe the incentive (long distance entry) and potential penalty (loss of license) of the checklist burden will provide a safeguard against Ameritech using local monopoly power to stuff out competition. While many will argue against Ameritech's entry, I don't believe the road toward true local competition will be fully cleared until such long distance entry is imminent.

Nearly two years ago I successfully urged the U.S. Department of Justice to include Michigan in a waiver order that would allow Ameritech to offer long-distance service. While that waiver was superseded by Congressional action, you may recall that AT&T supported this waiver and issued a press release saying it would offer local service in every local calling area where Ameritech was allowed to provide

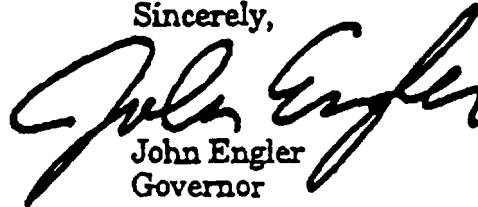
The Honorable Reed Hundt

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interLATA service. We want competition in our telecommunications marketplace and are ready for it. Competition has and will continue to emerge on all fronts in Michigan with your approval of this application.

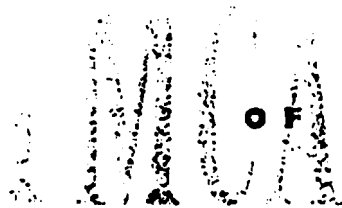
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Engler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Engler" clearly distinguishable.

John Engler
Governor

JE:rlf

cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell, Telecommunications Task Force
Michigan Public Service Commission



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January 22, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street N.W.
Washington DC 20544

Dear Mr. Hundt:

Please accept this letter on behalf of the YMCA of Metropolitan Lansing, in support of Ameritech becoming an FCC approved Long Distance Telephone Service provider in Michigan. I am offering this support after careful thought, and with more than one perspective.

As an Ameritech customer I have learned that they are a company that is capable of meeting the long distance needs of its customers. Their customer services, quality of technology and innovative leadership proves them worthy of your consideration. As an executive of a large not-for-profit organization who is responsible for balancing a very tight budget, I support competition that can hold down the cost and improve the product quality of any critical service, such as long distance telephone. Finally, but just as important, Ameritech is an outstanding corporate citizen in our community and in our state. They contribute to our programs and encourage their employees to get involved in their communities through organizations like the YMCA. We feel more businesses should follow their lead in supporting local charities.

I hope this letter helps you in this important decision. From my point of view, granting Ameritech permission to provide us with long distance service is a good idea. I hope you and the commission will agree. Thank you.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony' followed by a stylized flourish.

Tony Fragale
President

cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell
Telecommunications Task Force



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January 21, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Chairman Hundt:

It is my understanding that Ameritech has petitioned the Federal Communications Commission for permission to enter into the long distance market.

As an elected official from Northern Michigan, I wish to add my support for such an entry. I believe that this action will provide my constituents with true competition resulting in better service, lower rates, and more freedom to choose their long distance provider.

The continued use of state-of-the-art infrastructure insures that our economy continues to grow, meeting consumer needs, retaining business, and attracting new job-providers.

I trust that you will give close and honest consideration upon Ameritech's request to enter this expanding market.

Sincerely,

JOHN GERNAAT
Michigan House of Representatives
102nd District

cc: Mr. Donald Russell

The Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

January 22, 1997

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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington D.C. 20544

Dear Chairman Hundt:

The commission is currently reviewing an application filed by Ameritech to compete with other service providers for long distance customers in the state of Michigan. The Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce requests that Ameritech be given fair consideration for approval.

Full competition breeds lower prices, improved services, better products and economic growth, leading to more jobs. Our entire community will gain from Ameritech's entry into this highly competitive field. For those reasons, we ask that you act timely and responsibly in approving Ameritech's application.

Thank you for your prompt attention in this matter.

Sincerely,


Yolanda R. Gomez-Stupka
President/CEO
Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell
Telecommunications Task Force